

Major World Religions

Drag and drop the information to the correct place to complete the comparison chart about the major World religions.

1.2 billion

Three main Gods:
Brahma, Vishnu,
Shiva

God

Hebrew Bible,
including the
Torah

Clergy (priests/
ministers)

•There is only
one God, who
watches over
and cares for
his people.

•Jesus Christ was
the son of God.
He died to save
humanity from
sin. His death
and resurrection
made eternal
life possible
for others.



	Buddhism	Christianity	Hinduism	Islam	Judaism
Followers Worldwide*	354 million		762 million		
Name of Deity	The Buddha			God (Yahweh)	
Founder	The Buddha	Jesus Christ	No one founder	Muhammad	Abraham
Holy Book		Bible	No one book— sacred texts, including the Vedas, the Puranas	Qur'an	
Leadership	Buddhist monks and nuns		Guru, Holy Man, Brahmin priest	No clergy	
Basic Beliefs					

1.9 billion

14 million

God (Allah)

No one book—
sacred texts,
including the
*Perfection of
Wisdom Sutra*

Rabbis

•Persons achieve
salvation by
following the
Five Pillars of
Islam and living
a just life. These
pillars are: faith;
almsgiving, or
charity to the
poor; fasting,
which Muslims
perform during
Ramadan;
pilgrimage (to
Mecca); and
prayer.

•There is only
one God, who
watches over
and cares for
his people.
•God loves and
protects his
people, but also
holds people
accountable for
their sins and
shortcomings.
•Persons serve
God by studying
the Torah and
living by its
teachings.

•The soul never
dies, but is con-
tinually reborn.
•Persons achieve
happiness and
enlightenment
after they free
themselves from
their earthly
desires.
•Freedom from
earthly desires
comes from a
lifetime of wor-
ship, knowledge,
and virtuous acts.

•Persons achieve
complete peace
and happiness,
known as
nirvana, by elimi-
nating their
attachment to
worldly things.
•Nirvana is
reached by fol-
lowing the Noble
Eightfold Path:
Right views;
Right aspirations;
Right speech;
Right conduct;
Right livelihood;
Right endeavor;
Right mindfulness;
Right meditation.